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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Paillman et al. :
Serial No.: 10/065,516 : Art Unit: 3641
Filed: October 25, 2002 : Examiner: R. Palabrica
For: METHOD OF DETECTING CRACKS :
IN JET PUMP BEAMS OF A :
NUCLEAR REACTOR :

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2003, Applicant, with traverse, elects Species A. Applicant submits that Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9-12, 15, 16, 19, and 20 read on Species A.

The requirement for election is traversed because Species A and B clearly are related. Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 1 and 11 are generic and readable on Species A and Species B. Also, Applicant respectfully submits that a thorough search and examination of Species A would be relevant to the examination of Species B, and would not be a serious burden on the examiner. Additionally, requirements for election are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, reconsideration of the election requirement is requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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